

Clean water and working sewage systems are largely inaccessible. In a country suffering from dangerous outbreaks of polio and drug-resistant tuberculosis, health care is a luxury. Housing in rural Haiti is crowded and inadequate. In the cardboard shacks and plastic villages of the urban slums, it's downright dangerous.

Americans have an interest in keeping Haitians in Haiti. Those who take to rafts to risk ocean crossings either die along the way or end up as refugees on our shores. The United States also has an interest in stemming the flow of drugs coming from South America by way of Haiti.

Some critics call Aristide a threat. In my work with him over the past decade, I have found him to be an honorable man who looks out for the poor and the vulnerable.

It is time to end a debate based on rumor and focus instead on Aristide's commitment to use his new term of office to reform Haitian institutions, fix the worst aspects of the last elections, and reach out to the opposition.

This commitment was made in a solemn agreement with the U.S. government last December. Haiti agreed to implement a number of important political, judicial, and economic reforms, including: Holding runoff elections to settle disputes over 10 Senate last May, establishing an electoral council with opposition parties, increasing cooperation with the United States to fight drug-trafficking and money-laundering, strengthening the judicial system and protecting human rights; and launching discussions with international financial institutions to craft strategies to achieve budgetary and economic reforms.

President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell should accept the pact signed by the Clinton administration. In addition, opposition leaders ought to work with and not obstruct the Article administration.

A key factor in raising the standard of living for ordinary Haitians is private-sector investments in Haiti. In the last year, Fusion Telecommunications, whose board I serve on, assisted the Haitian national phone company, Teleco. I was proud to help bring more than \$1 million in private investment from Fusion into Haiti. Of course, there are hurdles investing in developing countries, but these challenges should not translate into abandonment, political or economic. The alternative to abandonment is engagement.

We can help Haiti overcome its brutal history and enter a new period of peace and prosperity. It will not happen overnight, but without the commitment of the private and public sectors, it will not happen at all.

Ten years ago, the poor of Port-au-Prince whitewashed their city walls, emblazoned them with the insignia of President Aristide's party, and cheered as their president-elect rode to his inauguration.

The second Aristide government is poised to accept the world's help to build a new Haiti. Turning our backs will simply create a new crisis. The Haitian people possess vast resources of spirit and ingenuity. Unleashing their economic potential will build a stronger nation, create new partnerships in the region, and redeem the promise of democracy so long desired to Haiti.

IN HONOR OF JOAN MATULA ON
THE OCCASION OF HER 90TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 26, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to Ms. Joan Matula, who celebrates her 90th birthday this weekend on February 19, 2001. Ms. Matula leads a rich and wonderful life and contributes greatly to the community in which she lives. She is a model of civic virtue and community leadership and a beacon of hope for all of us who desire greater participation in the public sphere where the concerns of the many come before the demands of the few.

Ms. Matula is a founder, a stalwart member, and a great leader of the Roosevelt Island Seniors Association (RISA). Founded in 1976, RISA brings the Roosevelt Island senior community together to make the island a better place to live and to enjoy the company of neighbors.

As a co-founder of RISA in 1976, Ms. Matula has served in many capacities, including service as the organization's president for four terms and vice-president for two terms. She knows well the needs of the senior community on Roosevelt Island and the best approaches to meet those needs. Believe me Mr. Speaker, Roosevelt Island has seldom, very seldom witnessed a seniors event, or even a general island activity, parade or public event that Ms. Matula has not attended. She literally ran the senior center for six years and has represented RISA at the Roosevelt Island Residents Association (RRA) since 1977, bringing the concern of the seniors to the attention of leading figures in the community.

Ms. Matula has been involved in Roosevelt Island community concerns since the beginning. She worked at the Goldwater hospital as a medical secretary until her retirement in 1976. While there Ms. Matula helped residents improve and maintain their health on numerous occasions. She even led the Roosevelt Island nutrition program for eight years, focusing on the prevention of illness and the health of everyone on the island.

Joan has always cared about her country and has consistently participated in the electoral process. She served as a member of the New York City election Board for 20 years and encouraged Roosevelt Island residents to vote in numerous elections.

Ms. Matula is truly a remarkable person. She is always there whenever there is an event to promote on Roosevelt Island or an idea upon which to build. I consider Joan a very dear friend and, as many residents of Roosevelt Island know, to know Joan is to love her. Mr. Speaker, I salute the life and work of Joan Matula and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing the contributions she has made to the community of Roosevelt Island, to the great City of New York and to our country.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4,

1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the Congressional Record on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 28

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, rules of procedure for the 107th Congress; to be followed by hearings to examine statutes of conservation programs in the current farm bill.

SR-328A

Small Business

Organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

SR-428A

Indian Affairs

Organizational business meeting to consider pending committee business; to be followed by hearings to receive the views of the Department of the Interior on matters of Indian Affairs.

SR-485

9:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

SD-430

Rules and Administration

Organizational business meeting to consider pending committee business.

SR-301

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

345 Cannon Building

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for defense health programs.

SD-192

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine Plan Colombia and to make an initial assessment

of the current drug situation, including human rights issues, future budget needs, Embassy staffing issues, potential for regional spillover, and any associated time lines and goals.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses.

SD-419

Environment and Public Works

Organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

SD-406

11 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the report of the Independent Task Force cosponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations and the Center for Strategic and International Studies on State Department Reform.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.

SH-219

Finance

Organizational business meeting to consider proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine certain revenue proposals within the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002.

SD-215

MARCH 1

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To continue hearings to examine the statutes of conservation programs in the current farm bill.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, Fleet Reserve Association, and the Air Force Sergeants Association.

345 Cannon Building

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the progress of the transition from analog to digital TV.

SR-253

Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the role of United States correspondent banking and offshore banks as vehicles for international money laundering, and the efforts of financial entities, federal regulators, and law enforcement to limit money laundering activities within the United States.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the anti-drug certification process.

SD-419

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 143, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission; proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

SD-538

11 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002.

SD-608

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States policy towards Iraq.

SD-419

Armed Services

To hold hearings on current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SH-219).

SH-216

MARCH 2

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To continue hearings to examine the role of United States correspondent banking and offshore banks as vehicles for international money laundering, and the efforts of financial entities, federal regulators, and law enforcement to limit money laundering activities within the United States.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Budget

To continue hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002.

SD-608

MARCH 6

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the role of United States correspondent banking and offshore banks as vehicles for international money laundering, and the efforts of financial entities, federal regulators, and law enforcement to limit money laundering activities within the United States.

SD-342

MARCH 8

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, Blinded Veterans Association, the Non-Commissioned Of-

ficers Association, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

345 Cannon Building

MARCH 13

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain programs that fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee.

SD-124

MARCH 14

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans.

345 Cannon Building

MARCH 22

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, Retired Officers Association, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.

345 Cannon Building

MARCH 27

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain programs that fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee.

SD-124

APRIL 3

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain programs that fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee.

SD-124

APRIL 24

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain programs that fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee.

SD-124

MAY 1

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain programs that fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee.

SD-124

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POSTPONEMENTS

MARCH 1

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on S. 26, to amend the Department of Energy Authorization Act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to impose interim limitations on

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the cost of electric energy to protect consumers from unjust and unreasonable prices in the electric energy market; S. 80, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order refunds of unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential rates or charges for electricity, to establish cost-based rates for electricity sold at wholesale in the Western Systems Co-

ordinating Council; and S. 287, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose cost-of-service based rates on sales by public utilities of electric energy at wholesale in the western energy market, and committee amendment No. 12 to S. 287 listed above.

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SD-106